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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION-RELATED CONTRACT
AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, REMEDIATION,
AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COUNTY PROJECTS
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize ten consultant services agreements for an annual-aggregate not-to-exceed program amount of \$12.5 million for as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services to augment the Department of Public Works' ability to rapidly provide these as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services to be utilized on various County projects for a 1-year term with four 1-year extension options each.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed actions are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter.
2. Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute consultant services agreements with the following three small sized firms: Accord Engineering, Inc.; Remdoh, Inc.; and USA EPC Group, Inc.; two medium-sized firms: Alta Environmental, Local Small Business Enterprise; and FREY Environmental, Inc.; and five large-sized firms: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Burns & McDonnell; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and TRC Solutions, Inc., to provide specialized as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services for various County projects for an annual-

aggregate not-to-exceed program amount of \$12.5 million and \$62.5 million in aggregate for a total 1-year term with four 1-year extension options for each firm.

The term of each consultant services agreement shall commence on the date of the full execution of the contract, and shall extend for a period of 1 year from such commencement date. The expiration of each of the consultant services agreement is subject to the following condition: where services for a given project have been authorized in writing by the County but are not completed by the consultant prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date will be automatically extended solely to allow for the completion of such services.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to authorize additional services and extend the contract expiration date as necessary to complete those additional services when those additional services are: (1) previously unforeseen, (2) related to a previously assigned scope of work on a given project, and (3) are necessary for the completion of that given project.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to supplement the annual-aggregate not-to-exceed program amount of \$12.5 million by up to 10 percent of the program amount based on workload requirements but only to the extent that there is sufficient approved budget capacity for the additional amounts.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the four 1-year extension options on the above-referenced ten agreements at the discretion of the Director based upon workload demands and the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services agreements will expand Public Works' ability to efficiently deliver environmental renovations, improvements, abatements, and remediation to various Public Works and County facilities. The consultant services agreements will also allow the County Toxic Threat Strike Team to address incidents and projects such as the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility release and the Community Environmental Risk Reduction project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2), and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The contractor who has the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support Public Works in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient funding to finance work orders for these consultant services agreements will be financed through the appropriate capital, refurbishment, infrastructure, or various operating and special fund(s). For capital projects and refurbishments, no work will be assigned to these consultants without the prior review and funding verification from the Chief Executive Office. For Public Works' and other County departments' infrastructure and maintenance projects and for strike team projects, no work will be assigned to these consultants without the appropriate funding authorization.

Expenditures for the subject services incurred by the Public Works' Internal Service Fund-Capital Project Management Program will be reimbursed through approved individual project budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The consultant services agreements will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Chief Executive Office and the Board's requirements. The consultant services agreements will contain terms and conditions in compliance with the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs. The agreement also includes a provision requiring the consultant firms to track subcontractor's utilization of Local Small Business Enterprise, Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise, and Social Enterprise businesses.

The consultants were selected upon final analysis and consideration without regard to race, creed, gender, or color.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action is not a project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed action to award as-needed engineering and support services is an administrative activity of government, which will not result in direct or indirect changes to the environment. We will return to the Board as necessary for consideration of appropriate environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA before the approval of any activities that constitute a project under CEQA.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On November 24, 2015, Public Works issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services. The RFP was posted on the "Doing Business with Us" and the "Public Works Contract Opportunities" websites.

The RFP allowed firms to compete as primes in one of three categories: small-, medium-, or large-sized firms. Each firm was requested to certify its own size based on number of personnel, for competition with other firms in the same size category. The RFP stated that a total of six firms would be awarded contracts as follows: three small-sized firms (with 25 or fewer personnel), one medium-sized firm (with 26 to 75 personnel), and two large-sized firms (with over 75 personnel).

Public Works Administration increased the number of awarded contracts to two firms in the medium sized category and to five firms in the large-sized category. This increase in the number of firms is necessary to meet the demands created by the escalating incidents of encountering environmental contamination in the course of Public Works' and other County departments' projects. Additionally, this increase in the number of firms is necessary to address the County's need for technical expertise and large-scale capabilities to meet current and projected environmental work related to the County Toxic Threat Strike Team, the Community Environmental Risk Reduction Projects, and environmental incidents.

On January 12, 2016, 19 firms submitted proposals. An evaluation committee, consisting of Public Works' technical staff, evaluated the proposals as outlined in the RFP. The selected firms represent the best-qualified firms from each size category to provide the required services based upon their technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel, qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements.

The following firms were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender: small-sized category – Accord Engineering, Inc.; Remdax, Inc.; and USA EPC Group, Inc.; medium-sized firms – Alta Environmental (Local Small Business Enterprise); FREY Environmental, Inc.; and large-size category – AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.; Burns & McDonnell; Leighton Consulting, Inc.; and TRC Solutions, Inc. In the small-sized business enterprise category, three firms submitted proposals. Based on the evaluation committee's review, three firms were selected for contracts. In the medium-sized business category, five firms submitted proposals. Based on the evaluation committee's review, two firms were selected for contracts. In the large sized business enterprise category, 11 firms submitted proposals and based on the evaluation committee's review, five firms were selected for contracts. Public Works has determined that the firms proposed rates for performing the services are reasonable. Enclosed is the Contractor's and Subcontractor's Utilization Participation for as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services table.

The Community Business Enterprises participation data and 3-year contracting history for the ten selected firms are on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.201 (Living Wage Program) does not apply to the recommended agreements. These consultant services agreements are exempt from the requirements of Proposition A because the services are required on a part-time and intermittent basis. Public Works notified the Union on this solicitation.

The consultant services agreements include a cost-of-living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services agreements. These consultant services agreements will provide necessary as-needed environmental assessment, remediation, and compliance services to support various County projects in an efficient manner, enhancing the delivery of County projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office

ENCLOSURE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
CONSULTANT'S UTILIZATION PARTICIPATION FOR AS-NEEDED
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, REMEDIATION, AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

SELECTED FIRMS

Small-Sized Business Category Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
Accord Engineering, Inc.		X			X	
American Environmental Testing Laboratory						
ASTECH Drilling	X	X				
BC Laboratories		X				
Belshire Environmental Services	X					
Dulin & Boynton Surveyors		X				
E-Max Laboratories		X	X			
Enviro-Tox Services, Inc.	X	X				
Gregg Drilling & Testing		X				
H&P Mobile Geochemistry, Inc.		X				
Patriot		X				
Rincon Consultants, Inc.		X				
Vironex		X				
Remdiox, Inc.		X				
USA EPC Group, Inc.		X				
Advanced Geosciences, Inc.		X				
Ambient Environmental, Inc.		X	X	X		
Aurora Industrial Hygiene, Inc.	X	X		X	X	
E-Max Laboratories	X	X	X			
Rincon Consultants, Inc.		X				

Medium-Sized Business Category		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.							
Alta Environmental		X	X				
AQ Environmental Laboratories				X	X	X	
American Integrated Services, Inc.				X			
Aquilogic			X				
Aurora Industrial Hygiene, Inc.		X	X		X	X	
Belshire Environmental					X		
Calclean				X			
E-Nor Innovations				X		X	
Enviro-Tox						X	
Interphase Environmental			X	X		X	
Jet Drilling			X	X		X	
Jones Environmental			X				
Kear Groundwater			X				
Spectrum Geophysics			X				
Vironex			X	X			
Westcor Environmental Inc.			X				
Frey Environmental, Inc.			X	X			

Large-Sized Business Category		Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	Disabled/Vet
Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below)							
*only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.							
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.							
Advanced Technology Laboratories			X	X		X	
American Integrated Services, Inc.				X			
BC2 Environmental				X		X	
Pacific Coast Locators			X				
Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.							
AP Engineering & Testing, Inc.				X		X	
Advanced Technology Laboratories						X	
American Analytics					X		
American Scientific Laboratories					X		
Aurora Industrial Hygiene, Inc.					X		
BC2 Environmental		X	X		X	X	
Belshire Environmental				X		X	
Calvada Surveying Inc.					X		
Interphase Environmental						X	
Noreas, Inc.			X	X		X	
Burns & McDonnell							
A-Tech Consulting							
Asset Laboratories			X		X	X	
BC Laboratories, Inc.				X			
Belshire Environmental		X					
Coriolis Enterprises					X		
MARRS Services			X				
Martini Drilling Corp.				X	X		
Performance Analytical Labs							
Tri-county Drilling					X	X	
United Pumping Services				X			

Large-Sized Business Category (continued) Consultant Name (Prime with subcontractors* listed below) *only subcontractors with Utilization Participation are listed.							
Leighton Consulting, Inc.							
Advanced Technology Laboratories							
Coast Surveying							X
E-Max Laboratories				X			
E-Nor Innovations				X			
Enviro-Tox							X
Interphase Environmental							
Martini Drilling Corp.				X			X
Project Control Consulting				X			
TRC Solutions, Inc.							
A-Tech Consulting							
Advanced Technology Laboratories				X			X
Asset Laboratories							X
B&D Construction Co.				X			
BC Laboratories, Inc.							
California Watershed Engineers							
Lee Andrews Group							X
MARRS Services							X
Martini Drilling Corp.							
Spectrum Geophysics				X			
SunStar Laboratories				X			

NON-SELECTED FIRMS

Medium-Sized Business Category Consultant Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
Alisto Engineering Group			X			
Citadel Environmental Services, Inc.						
National Demolition Contractors		X		X		
Large-Sized Business Category Consultant Name	Local SBE	SBE	Minority	Women	Disadvantaged	DisabledVet
Advisian						
Converse Consultants						
GHD Services, Inc.						
Geocon West, Inc.						
Langan Engineering & Environmental Services						
Partner Assessment Corp. DBA Partner Engineering and Services				X		